

In the specification:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/999,362, filed October 24, 2001, now United States Patent No. 6,858,412, allowed, which claims the benefit of provisional Application Serial No. 60/242,901, filed October 24, 2000, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein.

Please amend the title as follows:

~~Direct Multiplex Characterization of Genomic~~ A Method for Detecting and Amplifying
Target DNA